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SUBJECT: GATT ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS WITH EC--CANADIAN
POSITION

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1. CLARK (DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF GENERAL RELATIONS, ITC) HAS
GIVEN ECON COUNSELOR FOLLOWING INFO RE STATUS OF CANADA'S
ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS WITH EC:

2. CANADIAN MINISTERS CONCERNED HAVE REVIEWED ISSUES AND
CONCLUDED THAT IT "WILL BE DIFFICULT TO SETTLE" THE
NEGOTIATIONS UNLESS EC IS PREPARED TO MAKE SOME CONCESSION
ON WHEAT AND BARLEY. GOC WILL PROPOSE THAT ITS GATT
RIGHTS ON THESE ITEMS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED AND CARRIED OVER
INTO THE NEW MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATING ROUND. ATTEMPT WOULD
THEN BE MADE TO SETTLE ISSUE IN MTN BUT IF THAT SHOULD
PROVE IMPOSSIBLE, RIGHTS WOULD CONTINUE UNTIL
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AGREEMENT IS REACHED AT SOME TIME IN FUTURE. BEFORE

DEPARTURE LAST WEEK ON TRADE MISSION TO MEXICO, ITC
MINISTER GILLESPIE APPROVED SENDING MESSAGE ALONG THESE
LINES TO TRADE MINISTERS OF THE NINE AND TO SOAMES.
CLARK PROMISED TO PROVIDE COPY OF MESSAGE WHEN IT IS
SENT.

3. CLARK AND ROD GREY (FINANCE) WILL BE GOING TO GENEVA
FOR TNC MEETING FEBRUARY 7-8 AND CLARK INTENDS TO STAY
OVER FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH EC REPS AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY
11. CLARK AND GREY INTEND TO STOP IN BRUSSELS FOR A
DAY OR SO EN ROUTE TO GENEVA AND MAY ALSO RAISE
ARTICLE XXIV:6 ISSUE THEN IF THEY "ARE ABLE TO SEE THE
RIGHT PEOPLE."

4. CLARK SAID GOC INTENDED TO HANDLE ITS DISCUSSIONS
WITH EC IN SUCH A WAY AS NOT TO IMPAIR U.S. POSITION.
EVEN THOUGH GOC FINDS IT HARD TO DO MORE THAN QUIBBLE
WITH EC OFFER ONCE WHEAT AND BARLEY ARE TAKEN OUT OF
EQUATION (TRADE COVERAGE OF ITEMS OF INTEREST TO
CANADA IS SOME \$60 MILLION MORE THAN GOC REQUEST LIST),
IT WILL NOT SAY THIS TO EC AND WILL LIMIT ITSELF AT
THIS STAGE TO SUGGESTING THAT ACCOMMODATION ON WHEAT
AND BARLEY "WILL FACILITATE EARLY SETTLEMENT."
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